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Child Safety Car Seats

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Four out of five child-safety car seats are used incorrectly. Here's how to make sure your kids are fully protected and that you are buckling them up correctly.

- ✓ **Infants should ride in rear-facing seats as long as possible, at least until they are 12 months old and weigh at least 20 pounds.**
- ✓ **Don't put a rear-facing seat in a front seat that is equipped with a passenger air bag.**
- ✓ **Keep harness straps snug.**
- ✓ **Fasten the harness clip at armpit level.**
- ✓ **Recline the seat so the child's head can rest flat against the shell.**



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- ✓ For kids over 1 year old and who weigh between 20 and 40 pounds, use a front-facing child-safety seat.
- ✓ Fasten the harness clip at armpit level. Route the harness straps in the harness slots at or slightly above shoulder level.
- ✓ Keep harness straps snug and flat. Keep the seat upright.



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- ✓ Kids over 40 pounds can use booster seats.
- ✓ These seats position the installed lap belt over the child's hips and upper thighs, and the shoulder belt across the chest and shoulder.
- ✓ These seats require both lap and shoulder belts to be effective.
- ✓ If your car has a back seat that is lower than the child's ears, you need to get a high-back-style booster seat to protect the child's neck.



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- ✓ By around age 8, kids can move to regular lap and shoulder belts.
- ✓ They must be tall enough to sit back against the seat with their knees bent over the edge.
- ✓ Never let the child sit with the shoulder belt under their arms or behind their back.
- ✓ Send in your child-safety-seat registration, so that you can be notified if the seat is recalled. Visit www.nhtsa.dot.gov, or call 888-DASH-2-DOT.
- ✓ The back seat is usually the safest place for a child to ride.
- ✓ Replace any seat that has been involved in a crash.



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